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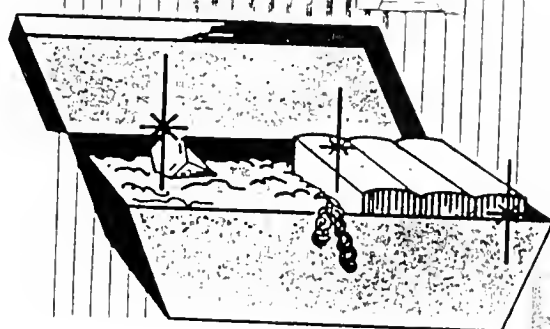
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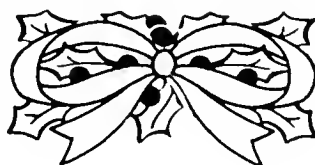


CHRISTMAS BOOKS

The library will be mailing books per our regular schedule during the month of December. In the past the Montana Talking Book Library has not mailed books out during December because of the heavy amount of mail handled by the U.S. Post Office. However, this policy has resulted in increased work for the library staff and frequently not enough books for our patrons. So this year there is NO NEED TO ORDER EXTRA BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

TLC FOR CBM

To keep your CBM (Cassette Book Machine) in peak running order play it off the battery once a week. The CBM's have a rechargeable battery similar to those in Dustbusters, etc. The battery needs to be used, or it will overcharge and eventually the battery will be ruined. It takes 12 hours to charge the battery for 6 hours of playing time. The battery will neither charge nor discharge when your CBM is played while plugged in.



GADGETS AND STUFF

Over 130 new assistive items are contained in the 1993-94 edition of the Ann Morris Enterprises, Inc. catalog. Large print and cassette catalogs are free; braille is \$10.00, or send a formatted disk and the catalog will be copied on it.

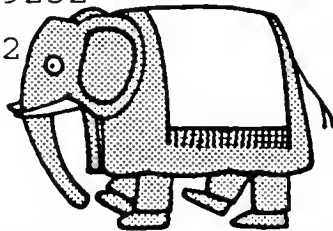
Send all correspondence to:

Ann Morris Enterprise, Inc
890 Fams Court

East Meadow, NY 11554

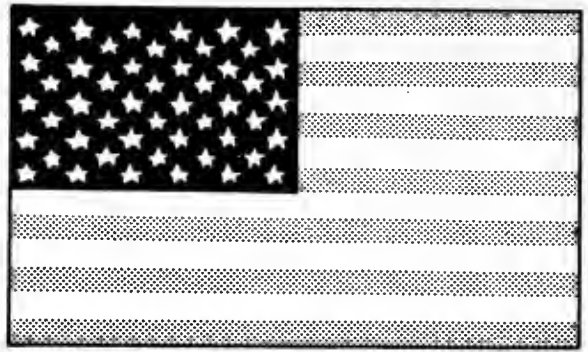
Phone: 516-292-9232

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REWINDING REMINDER

Many of the cassette tapes come back without being rewound. Please help our dedicated volunteers, who inspect the cassettes, and the next reader to receive the cassette, by rewinding the tapes.



IT'S A GRAND OL' FLAG

The VFW has donated to the Talking Book Library a braille copy of the book "Etiquette of the Stars and Stripes." This book describes the history of our Flag and how to respect it. We wish to thank the VFW for their generous donation.

DESCRIPTIVE VIDEOS

The pilot program for the Descriptive Videos (DV) has been completed, and this program is now open to all our patrons. A descriptive video is a regular video cassette with a narrator who describes the action during pauses in the dialogue. To play the DV you need a TV and a VCR. For more information, call us at 1-800-332-3400.



KEEPING WARM

Low income households are encouraged to apply for heating assistance for the 1993-1994 heating season. The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides help in paying winter heat bills for residences with natural gas, electricity, wood, fuel oil, coal and propane for those who qualify. Households whose utilities are included in their rent may also apply. Those whose heat is supplied by the Montana Power Company receive a 10% discount if they qualify for LIEAP.

Information and applications are available at each county's Human Services office or the local Human Resource Dist. Council. The Governor's Advocate can also direct you to the appropriate place. Call 444-3468 in Helena and 1-800-332-2272 outside of Helena.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The summer reading program had 30 children who participated by sending in a total of 156 book reports. Congratulations to the following who sent in the most book reports:

Jillian Horvath

Bobby Knerr

Josh Anderson

Amber Reynolds-70 books

We are gearing up for next summer's reading program which will focus on animals, especially those found here in Montana.



PLEASE HELP

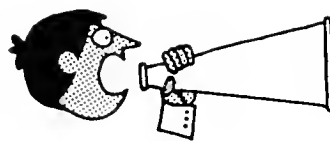
To help us and to avoid getting an overdue notice, please return your books as soon as you finish reading them.



SOUND BOOTH RENOVATION

Thanks to funding from memorials and donations we recently completed the renovation of our two recording booths at the Talking Book Library, bringing them up to Library of Congress recording standards. For over 10 years we have recorded our Montana books in rooms that did not have adequate soundproofing, lighting or ventilation. A combination of extra sheetrock, insulation, soundproof panels, and a window control panel creates a "state of the art" room for recording. Our monitors and narrators are thrilled with the new booths!

The soundbooths were dedicated to Eileen Finley and Lea Blunn, a long-time volunteer recording team. If you are in Helena, please come by and see the new booths.



EASTERN MONTANA RADIO READING SERVICE

The Eastern Montana Radio Reading Service is alive, well and on the air. They have moved and are now at 1925 Grand Ave. Suite 106, Billings, MT 59101. Phone 256-5404 or 1-800-735-1176. Contact them to find out about radio service for those unable to use standard print.



A WORD
TO
THE WISE

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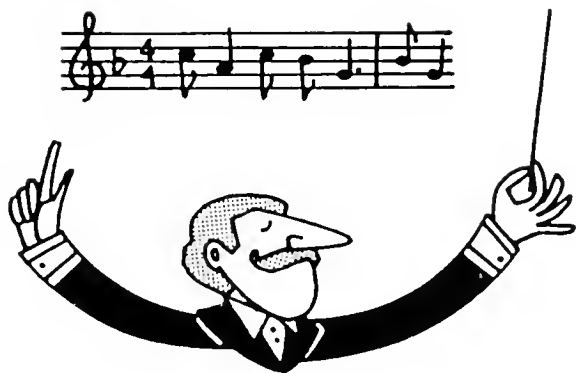
Remember. When you have questions or need help concerning low vision aids or services, call your area Visual Services office.

Butte 723-6537

Billings 248-4801

Missoula 329-5401

Great Falls 727-7740



MUSIC

The Talking Book Library frequently receives requests for recorded music. The Library of Congress program includes books about music and musicians but not recorded music.

Many public libraries have collections of recorded music available for loan. Other sources of recorded music include the organizations listed below. They lend musical cassettes to individuals with disabilities; loan periods may vary. Tapes from these sources will play in the C-1 cassette player but not on the E-1 which only plays 4-track tapes.

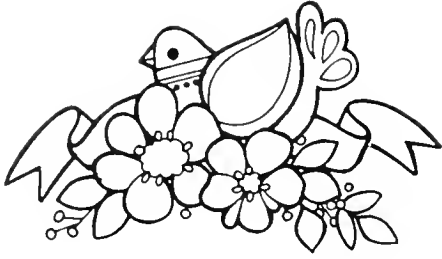
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Bethel, ME 04217-0837
(207) 824-2920
\$12.00 membership fee

Recordings for Recovery
413 Cherry Street
Midland, MI 48640
(517) 832-0784
free, but a \$3 replacement
fee for lost/damaged tapes

Recording Exchange for the
Blind
3712 Lyndale Ave. S.
Minneapolis, MN 55409
(612) 825-1023
\$4.00 lifetime membership

Music Library f/t BPH
103-760 Sydney Marcus
Blvd.
Atlanta, GA 30324-3149
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Alenath Rich*
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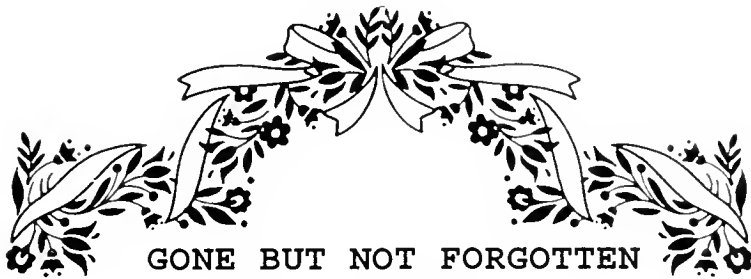
Paul & Thelma Larson

In Memory of:

James Smith

Rosemary Smith

Osteoporosis made it hard for her to sit for long periods of time, so she reluctantly had to quit monitoring by the end of 1992 . We sorely missed the loss of her presence. We miss the combination of her outspoken, no-nonsense style and her ability to have a good laugh and enjoy life.



GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In August our beloved friend and long-time volunteer, Eileen Finley, died. Eileen monitored over a dozen narrators in her eleven-year tenure and recorded 66 Montana books! She often put in 10-15 hours of volunteer time each week.

We paid tribute to Eileen's work by naming one of the two recording soundbooths after her. A plaque bearing the title "Eileen Finley Room" now hangs on the monitor door.

To further honor Eileen, we have used the memorial donations made in her name to furnish and equip the renovated soundbooths. She will truly be missed by all.



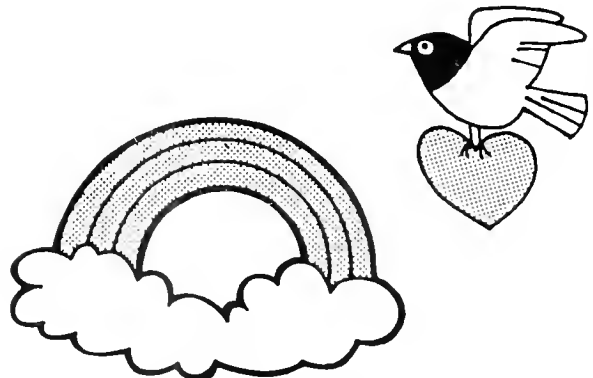
MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In Memory of:

EILEEN FINLEY

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Logan Davis
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Donna Watson
Glenn & Helen Williams
Katherine Williams



MONTANA BOOKS



The following Montana books have been completed since you received our last MCB catalog. If you would like to order books from this list, check the space before the MCB number and return this sheet to the Library.

_____ MCB 85 **SADDLE BAG YARNS** by Byron Grosfield. Short humorous stories about cowboy life. Narrated by Peter Langen. 1 cassette

_____ MCB 199 **THE ONLY GOOD BEAR IS A DEAD BEAR** by Jeanette Prodgers. A collection of bear stories by and about people encountering bears in every situation imaginable. Narrated by Mary Zednick. 3 cassettes

_____ MCB 218 **THE RAWHIDE YEARS** by Norman Fox. A Montana Western. Narrated by Bob Tiller. 2 cassettes

_____ MCB 219 **BEAR CHIEF'S WAR SHIRT** by James W. Schultz. Stories about everyday life in a Blackfeet tribe, including the account of the theft of a famous chief's war shirt. Narrated by Curt Paulson. 1 cassette

_____ MCB 230 **RUNAWAY** by Mary Clearman Blew. Short stories about Montana life and people by the author of All But The Waltz. Narrated by Elizabeth Pofahl. 2 cassettes

_____ MCB 234 **BLACKFEET AND BUFFALO** by James W. Schultz. Schultz tells of the tribe's difficulties in adjusting to a life no longer centered around the buffalo. Narrated by Vic Richer. 3 cassettes

_____ MCB 236 **CHIP OF THE FLYING U** by B.M. Bower. A turn of the century western about a fictional ranch in Montana. Narrated by Joan Bishop. 1 cassette



MCB 241 THE HORSECATCHER by Mari Sandoz. Narrated by Bonnie Heidel. Young Elk is expected to become a brave Cheyenne warrior, but his true interests are in catching and taming wild horses. 1 cassette

MCB 244 BRIGHT SHADOWS by Dorothy Weston Larson. Narrated by Colleen Mockler. A short novel about a young woman who meets life's challenges in 1910 in Montana.

MCB 245 DIARY OF A LOVING HEART by June Masters Bacher. Narrated by Colleen Mockler. The continuing saga of a young Christian woman who goes West. 1 cassette

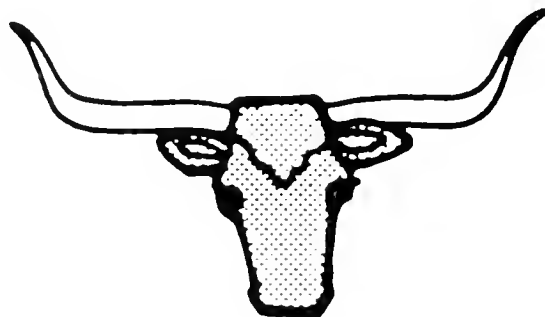
MCB 246 STARS OVER MONTANA by Warren L. Hanna. A history of Glacier National Park. Narrated by Ruth Ann Massey. 2 cassettes

MCB 252 THE WATERING TROUGH by Alice Schumacher. Short stories and humorous anecdotes about growing up in Montana. Narrated by Vic Richer. 1 cassette

MCB 254 THE LONESOME TRAIL by B.M. Bower. "Weary" Davidson is the endearing young cowboy hero of this Montana western. Narrated by Joan Bishop. 1 cassette

MCB 255 SEVENTY YEARS A COWBOY by Philip S. Long. The true story of one of Montana's "top hands" and his cowboy life. Narrated by James Jenkins. 2 cassettes

MCB 256 LOVE LEADS HOME by June Masters Bacher. Surprises, romance, and suspense fill the pages of this final book of the pioneer saga, Love Is A Gentle Stranger. Narrated by Colleen Mockler. 1 cassette



Merry Christmas To All

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